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## **CITY OF BRAYMER RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Wilmes, Rural Development Manager for Northwest Missouri, presented a Mock Check in the amount of \$16,000 to Mayor Kenny Rogers on August 24, 2004 at the Braymer City Hall. The mock check represents approval of a grant used toward the purchase of a vehicle which will be used for the maintenance of the streets, water, and sewer in this small rural community of 910 residents located in Caldwell County. The City provided \$13,156 toward the purchase of the \$29,156 vehicle.



“Mayor Rogers and the City Council, along with USDA Rural Development staff, are to be commended for working together to make the purchase of this essential piece of equipment a reality,” said Wilmes.

Mayor Kenny Rogers said, “The City of Braymer is pleased to have the USDA Rural Development agency involved in this community facility project. Without the financial funding, and help the City has received from Rural Development, this project would not have been feasible at this time. The City looks forward to the continuing relationship with the USDA Rural Development agency to assist with other city projects.”

“Financing essential equipment is consistent with USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s commitment to the future of rural communities.” said Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Sam Graves for their continuing support of USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential community facilities for rural Missourians.”

USDA Rural Development’s Community Facility Loan and Grant Program provides financing to improve, develop, or assist rural areas in their development of essential community facilities.

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